of duty on PTFE in order to bring it lower than the finished products and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Though, in general, the policy is to levy higher import duty on finished products as compared to the raw materials, there are other factors also like the need to give protection to the indigenous manufacturers which are taken into consideration while fixing the import duty levels.

At present, there are no proposals for changing the import duty structure on PTFE.

Income-tax cases Pending in the High Courts and Supreme Courts

1003. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the FINANCE MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pertaining to income-tax dues which arepending in the High Courts and the Supreme Court as on the 31st July, 1990;

(b) what is the amount of money involved;

(c) since when these cases are pending; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite settlement of the cases and to recover the dues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

Complaints Against Regional Iron and Steel Controller; Bombay

1004. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of complaints against the Regional Iron and Steel Controller, Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Regional Controller has since completed his three years term and is on an extension; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not transferring him to some other station when he has already completed three years in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A few complaints which appear to be pseudonymous were received against the Regional Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel in Bombay recently, during July, 1990.

(b) The Regional Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Bombay has completed 4 years of deputation period with Government of India on 31-5-90. He has been granted extension of deputation period for one more year, i.e. upto 31-5-91.

(c) According to the existing Rules, IAS officers on Central deputation are eligible for appointment to the post of the level of Director after they complete 14 years of Service and are granted the selection grade in ttheir respective cadres. Since the Regional Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Bombay fulfilled the above conditions, the period of Central Deputation in his case was extended by one more year, i.e. upto 31.5.1991.

Disqualification for adopting corrupt pratice in elections

1005. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for stringent legal